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THE ALLIANCE

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1. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTED AT JANUARY 17 MEETING
THAT INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) PROCEEDING RAPIDLY TO UPDATE
DOCUMENT AC/127-WP/373 (THE WORLD OIL CRISIS AND THE ALLIANCE).
HE THOUGHT IS WOULD COMPLETE REVISED VERSION EARLY NEXT WEEK.
HE REITERATED NEED FOR EARLY SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENT TO COUNCIL,
AND HOPED FOR FINAL ECONAD APPROVAL AT JANUARY 24 MEETING.

2. DUTCH DELEGATE HAS NOT REFERRED TO PARA 95 ON WASHINGTON
ASSURANCES TO THE HAGUE, AND ECONADS HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THIS
POINT. MISSION BELIEVES THAT ATTEMPT TO GET THIS POINT
"DISCRETELY DROPPED" (REF A, PARA C) WILL ONLY FOCUS ATTENTION
ON IT. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES, MISSION WILL MAKE OVERT EFFORT
TRY TO HAVE THE POINT REMOVED.

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3. MISSION BELIEVES THAT UPDATED INFORMATION ON EFFECTS OF OIL
CRISIS ON MEMBER COUNTRIES' ECONOMIES WILL HELP MEET CONCERN OF
REF A, PARA B. RELATIVELY MORE SERIOUS EFFECTS OF CRISIS IN
EUROPE AS COMPARED WITH NORTH AMERICA HAVE ALREADY AFFECTED

NATO BURDENSARING EXERCISE. UNLESS DEPARTMENT
THINKS OTHERWISE WE DO NOT WANT TO FOCUS MORE SHARPLY
ON THIS POINT.

4. MISSION HAS TRANSMITTED TO IS, FOR INCLUSION IN REVISED
VERSION OF DOCUMENT, A PARAGRAPH ON US ENERGY INITIATIVE BASED
ON VERBATIM EXTRACTS FROM REF B. MISSION HAS ALSO CORRECTED
300,000 BARREL FIGURE IN PARA 23 OF DOCUMENT TO READ "OVER
60,000 BARRELS A DAY" (PER AC/288-P(73)2). WE HAVE
RECOMMENDED SUBSTITUTION OF FOLLOWING FOR PARA 100: " THE
WORSENER ECONOMIC OUTLOOK CAUSED BY THE ENERGY CRISIS WILL
CREATE PRESSURES IN ALLIED CAPITALS TO DIVERT RESOURCES PRESENTLY
AVAILABLE FOR DEFENSE."

5. COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES, AS NOTED IN REF C THAT EARLY
SUBMISSION OF ECONAD DOCUMENT TO COUNCIL IS ESSENTIAL IF
DOCUMENT IS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALLIED DISCUSSION PRIOR
TO WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 11. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL POINTS WASHINGTON WISHES MADE IN
ECONAD REPORT. WE SHALL CABLE MAJOR REVISIONS OF PRESENT
DRAFT WHEN AVAILABLE. RUMSFELD

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